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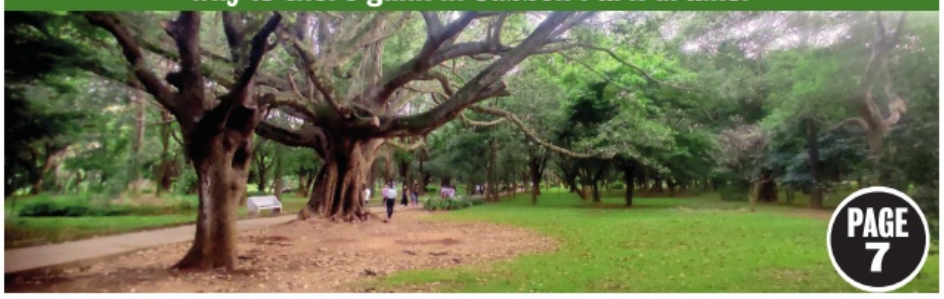

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Lake rejuvenation carried out under CSR schemes not effective in absence of detailed project reports, tests, surveys or studies

MURKY WATERS

'Important rules ignored; encroachments not taken into account'

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> **Many times, basic structures of water bodies have also been modified to suit their convenience. Panchayats do not mandate any prerequisite conditions for lake development leading to grave lapses**
>
> – Lake activist

When Yarandahalli Lake located in Anekal taluk was rejuvenated in January this year, locals rejoiced. After all, the water body was finally free of industrial effluents and domestic discharge that had turned it into sludge over time.

With its catchment in Jigani industrial area, the lake was receiving industrial effluents up until August 2022 leading to black, murky, and smelly water. Worried about the situation, locals contacted a private firm in the area to conduct rejuvenation under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) scheme. The Yarandahallikere was rejuvenated over the next six months, leading to an almost pristine water body.

However, this celebration was short-lived. Along with the first pre-monsoon shower early this month, washed-up industrial effluents came gushing into the low-lying residential areas and flooded many streets.

"When the lake was rejuvenated, water from the industrial area was diverted to low-lying areas so that the lake does not receive polluted water. However, this arrangement is causing inconvenience to residents in the area.

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Don't bite the hands that feed

Those feeding strays across city having to face hostility, and sometimes even violence

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The Supreme Court of India has okayed the feeding of stray dogs. The Article 51A (g) of the Constitution of India has placed a duty on the citizens to protect and improve the natural environment and have compassion for all living creatures. However, animal lovers in Bengaluru are finding it tough to feed stray dogs with some residents turning hostile.

A few residents of Chandra Layout are said to have not only prevented but also attacked an animal activist for feeding stray dogs at Chandra Layout. For Sagaya Mary, a garment factory worker, feeding a few strays around a park in Hongasandra is turning out to be a dangerous task. A resident of JP Nagar Praveena Ramesh, who lives in an apartment complex too has faced much animosity from other fat owners about her feeding stray dogs. Meanwhile Aruna Thambi of TC Palya, who feeds four stray dogs in her locality, said it is tough to convince some parents that the dogs won't attack the children.

Threats and harm

According to the FIR registered at Chandra Layout Police Station under

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 For the tots

Silk Route presents A Pair of Wings I Wish For, a children's play for 5-year-olds and above. The play is an adaptation of Trina Poulos' book Hope of Flowers by Vasanth Selvam. The play sheds light on counter culture which offers people the space to be different and themselves, unburdened by the convention of society. It reassures people that it's okay to deviate from the norm.
Where: Jagriti Theatre; When: May 27, 28, 3,30 and 7.30 pm; Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Of resilience and endurance

LetsAuthor in association with Atta Galatta bookstore invites you to a wonderful experience in an interactive session on the evening of 28th May'23, to the launch of their latest coveted title 'Winter Always Turns to Spring'. Presided upon by lead authors Kumar Mukul and V Padmaja, this launch will introduce all the bibliophiles to a book which narrates the vivid and exceptional story of triumph, loss and shared suffering of humanity during the trying times of Covid.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: May 28, 6pm
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03 Live tunes

Get ready for a night of nostalgia as Hard Rock Cafe Bengaluru pays tribute to two of the most iconic boy bands of the 90s and early 2000s - Backstreet Boys and MLTR by the rockstars of the band Showcase. Hard Rock Cafe will come alive with the greatest hits of Backstreet Boys and MLTR, as Showcase takes the stage for a special evening dedicated to two of the most popular boybands. Don't miss your chance to relive and take a trip down memory lane and enjoy an unforgettable performance by Showcase.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe; When: 27 May, 9 pm

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Visitors enjoy a wide spread of mangoes and jackfruits on display at Lalbagh's Hopcoms

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Racing against the clock

Team of Jeevasarthakathe officials fight all odds to transport liver donated at Belagavi hospital to recipient waiting in Bengaluru hospital

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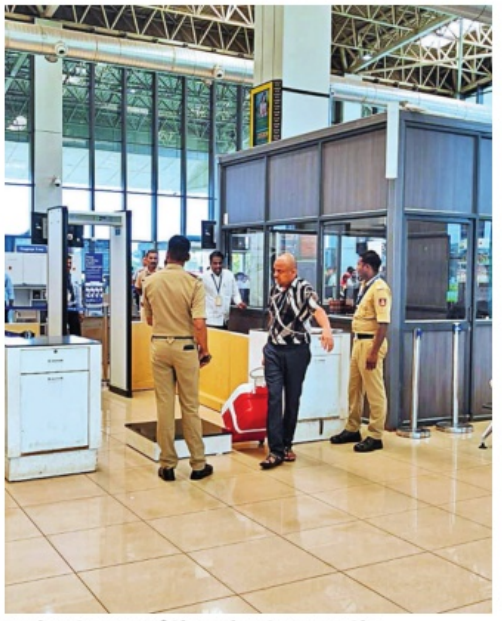
It was a race against time for the Jeevasarthakathe team under the Health and Family Welfare Department when they had to transport a liver donated by a patient's family in Belagavi to the donor waiting in Bengaluru.

The State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) Karnataka has five zones: Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Dharwad and Hubbali, and Kalaburagi where the organ donations are divided zone-wise.

In the organ transportation which occurred on Thursday night, a 23-year-old male died due to brain haemorrhage in KLE hospital in Belagavi. The family gave consent to donate the liver, kidneys and corneas of the deceased. As Belagavi lies under the Dharwad Hubbali zone and many facilities from adjoining areas have already registered at Jeevasarthakathe to receive or even donate organs, the organs received from the 23-year-old male was sent to different hospitals and medical centres wherever required.

For the liver, the KLE hospital itself had a recipient who required the organ. However, when the recipient was examined, the doctors diagnosed the recipient with another health issue and unfit for a liver transplant at that moment. Then came in the challenge where despite exhaustive efforts, a suitable recipient could for liver transplant not be found within the same zone. Undeterred, the dedicated team of surgeons at the KLE hospital decided to go the extra mile and transport the donated liver to Bengaluru, where a matching recipient awaited the life-saving organ.



The organ travelled from Belagavi to Bengaluru in a short span of time due to smooth coordination of different stakeholders

Lijamol Joseph, Chief Transplant Coordinator, Jeevasarthakathe said, "We found a recipient at the Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road and then decided to send the donor there. However, it was a big challenge as there were only two flights from Bengaluru to Belagavi which would have been too inconvenient for us in terms of timeliness. It would take a long time and in a liver and kidney transplant, it has to be transplanted first once received from the donor.

"Then the doctors and staff from KLE Hospital in Belagavi itself took the initiative to go ahead and handover the organ at Bengaluru International airport as they were flights from Belagavi to Bengaluru airport. The IndiGo Airlines stepped forward to offer their support ensuring their swift journey from the KLE hospital in Belagavi to Bengaluru airport,"he said.

Doctors and staff at KLE Hospital took the initiative to coordinate and transport the organ from Belagavi to Bengaluru

After that, the airport team stood ready for facilitating easy movement. This apart, even the traffic police helped in zero traffic along the route from KLE hospital to the Belagavi airport. Around 11 am on Friday the organs were received in Bengaluru and handed to Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road.

Amid the complexity of the organ retrieval and transport, SOTTO played a crucial liaison, coordinating the end-to-end process of the organ donation.

Joseph said, "Organ donation is a multi-team effort. The team works even during midnight when there is organ donation and it has to retrieved and sent to the recipient. We race against time in such situations knowing the importance of every donation and saving lives."

So far, from January- May 2023, Jeevasarthakathe has received 183 total organs and 171 total issues.

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Death of a lake

Nagawara Lake, stormwater drain in the area are full of weeds and garbage

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This is the condition of Nagawara Lake. Locals complain of miscreants entering the area next to the water body and causing a lot of inconvenience; they also report that the stormwater canal is full of filth

Once the pride of Bengaluru, Nagawara Lake in the northern part of the city is in dire need of attention. Nearly four years after a private company's lease with the Forest Department to maintain the lake expired, the water body is facing neglect.

Spread over nearly a hundred acres, it is now covered with weeds and drains are choked with garbage. The wetland is dying a slow death.

Residents in the vicinity say that the stormwater canal is in a horrible state and full of filth. It regularly breaks its banks and deposits heaps of plastic, garbage, and dirty water into the lake. "We moved into the area nearly a year ago and not much has changed.

The stormwater drain next to the lake boundary has not been cleaned even once and thus garbage continues to pile up. The sludge and plastic bags that flowed in last July are still there," said a resident of Prestige Misty Waters, an apartment complex in the area.

To make matters worse, many trees in the lake's wetland area have fallen over the last one year, owing to soil erosion due to the overflowing drains during monsoon.

"These trees are frequented by birds, including migratory birds. I have been writing to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lake department over the past year about the worsening condition of the wetland at Nagawara and the loss of trees. Still, the situation continues to deteriorate in the absence of any action taken," said another resident of the society.

> **"Cattle can be seen grazing in the area. We have raised these issues on multiple occasions. It feels like we are hitting a dead end repeatedly** – Resident

Locals also complain of miscreants entering the area next to the water body and causing a lot of inconvenience. "We have witnessed open defecation near the lake area on multiple occasions. Many a time, cattle can be seen grazing in the area. We have raised these issues on multiple occasions. However, it feels like we are hitting a dead end repeatedly," a resident informed.

Citizens also complain that heaps of sludge that were removed from the stormwater drain more than a year ago are still laying in the open, leading to a mosquito menace in the area. "Nearly 30 trucks of sludge that a BBMP contractor removed a year ago to clean the stormwater drain are still here. While the stench does not reach our homes, mosquitoes have been aplenty. We are left with no other choice but to fog our society every evening to avoid health issues. On some days, we have to do it twice to get rid of these mosquitoes," said Praveen Kumar VS, also a resident.

When Bangalore Mirror reached out to a senior official from BBMP's lake department, they said the water body is under the purview of the Karnataka Forest Department and thus any issue related to it can be taken up only by the Forest Department officials.

Bandemutt Layout's cry for help

Residents of the area demand better roads and regular water supply

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Residents of the layout stage a protest highlighting apathy towards their area; some of them are dealing with acute water shortage

The hapless residents of Bandemutt KHB Layout are tired of running pillar to post seeking basic amenities. They have been meeting all those who are somebody - elected representatives, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), or (Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board) BWSSB engineers - in society all these years, but their problems remain unattended.

Residents have to either visit the authorities concerned or stage a protest in support of their demands. The layout was placed under BBMP jurisdiction more than six months ago, and Rs 10 crore (Rs 5 crore by the BBMP and Rs 5 crore by Karnataka Housing Board) were sanctioned to take up developmental works in the area, but nothing, except digging roads, has taken place till date, citizens complain.

The residents staged a protest recently, demanding better roads and regular water supply. "The roads were dug up by the contractor for the construction of drains before the model code of conduct came into effect. The construction of the drains was stopped due to the State Assembly election. The work is yet to recommence even after the new government is elected. We get water once every four days," said TM Sateesh, general secretary of Bandemutt KHB Residents' Welfare Association (RWA). He said the condition of the layout is worse than a revenue layout.

According to the RAW president B Ramakrishna Gowda, the drain construction work began on April 3 and stopped after a week. "Some residents were injured when their vehicles skidded due to bad roads in the layout. Rainwater enters houses whenever it rains heavily. I have complained to the BBMP engineer, but in vain," he said.

The residents have also been struggling for quite a long time due to an acute shortage of water. "We get water once every four days or eight days. We got the water bill for Rs 2,500 last month. We have to depend on private water suppliers for water as the water supplied by BWSSB is not sufficient. I have been residing here for more than 10 years. The authorities did not provide us basic amenities," said Nandini Vishwanath, a resident.

Housebreaking incidents have become a cause of concern for the residents. Recently, such an incident took place while the owner's family visited relatives at Nandini Layout. "My son is residing at Bandemutt KHB Layout. Thieves broke the main door when he visited my home at Nandini Layout. The police visited the spot and took fingerprints. The thieves took electronic goods and also damaged the main door. It will be better if the police visit this layout regularly," said Virat Singh.

"We have given a representation to Kengeri police long back requesting deputation of constables, but nothing happened," said Sateesh.

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Leaning pole
Sampige Road

An electric pole in front of Sampige theatre poses a hazard as it leans precariously.

Dilapidated bus stop
RMC Yard

The bus stand near RMC Yard bears witness to broken tiles, reflecting its dilapidated state.

Repairs needed
Raghavendra Layout

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Cat power

If we really did care about the last of the few remaining cheetahs numbering a few thousands on the planet, perhaps we would not have brought them to the sparse patches of grassland in the subcontinent.

What is our understanding of the African cheetah to help the animal if it were to make it indeed in India? It should not be a case of Escobar's lost hippos terrorising a river in the Americas.

The recurring depiction of the cheetah in literature and imagery as a tame animal used during royal hunts does indicate what led to the animals' extinction here.

From a series of instances across the world barring a few miraculous recoveries that deserve special mention, in most cases humans and wildlife are incompatible.

How would the unbelievably agile, slender and arguably the fastest of cats fare now in the Indian plains where it once roamed, in terms of hunting, propagating or even surviving even whole life terms?

These critical factors did appear overlooked in the rush for pageantry around the whole 'cheetahs-are-back-in-India' trope.

Sadly enough the deaths of some of the cheetahs that arrived in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno and their cubs that did not make it just days ago have become a regular fixture in the news cycle.

The latest of such news involves a forest department team tracking the cheetahs being beaten up by villagers who mistook them for dacoits.

In effect we have introduced an extinct species into a region where humans, livestock and human-subsidised carnivores are competing for the meagre resources along with existing wildlife. How would the cheetah and the aforementioned entities react to each other's presence in such a landscape?

An animal, in its evolutionary history, in this case separated from its extinct cousins in this geography thousands of years ago, can it adapt to such a reintroduction? How would it feel? Does it feel traumatised? Some have died. So surely something's not working for them in the new setting.

More importantly how would this affect the human settlements around the area; are we in times of economic prosperity that we can afford human-animal experiments of this kind and expect the villagers to be in awe of the animal and forget their livelihoods?

Perhaps we should try and minimise the mounting instances of human-animal encounters that are affecting the lives of both.

On the one hand, each summer, we have rising instances of wildlife straying out of the jungles and forests in search of food or water hurting humans, in some cases resulting in deaths of humans, and on the other our god complex is trying to rehabilitate an extinct species. Maybe we should understand the changes that are occurring in these landscapes due to the sudden fallout of extreme global heating and other dynamics at play triggered by the climate crisis as a first step instead.

Addressing the immediate fallout of climate emergency in areas adjoining forests where humans and wildlife are undergoing a tremendous transformation like never before should be an immediate priority; we need to help wildlife and humans on the fringes of their habitats.

But why do we end up underestimating animals, especially those we call wildlife, always? Have we ever got it right about them? Perhaps not.

But we always made a grandstanding of how much we care; all that is now exposed reveals our gross misconduct in this sphere. Perhaps we should leave them be.

It is also a question of continuity of policy in these matters as envisaged changes in terms of reviving a lost life form do demand time. Like project elephant and tiger that did to a degree help salvage the animals' dwindling numbers and degrading habitats, disruptive measures such as the introduction of entirely new wildlife require dedicated attention to detail or else it is surely bound to fail affecting the animal in question quite badly as we are seeing now in the cheetah's case.

The larger question is what is the future of conservation itself in the rapidly shrinking spaces of the world's most populous nation. The lack of space and the allied difficulties arising from it for humans would naturally lay the blame on the 'rogue' animal as we are seeing in cases of wild animals venturing out to human settlements already. There is no easy way out of this conundrum, but in earnest, the efforts that are going into projects like the reintroduction of cheetahs should also figure in helping both animals and humans find a way to coexist as spaces keep shrinking further.

Of course one of the most critical issues for the world's most populous nation is space management.

Are we getting lost somewhere in search of lost glory when the present presents far greater challenges that need to be addressed sooner than later?

Discussion done, new Cabinet coming up

Several names figure in CM's list; who will get to be B'luru incharge?

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A week after taking oath, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is set to expand the cabinet on Saturday by inducting 24 new ministers in his cabinet. As of now, apart from Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, eight cabinet ministers have taken oath though the portfolios have not been announced yet. Sources said that the portfolios will be announced once all the ministers are appointed.

On Friday, CM Siddaramaiah sent the following names to the Governor's office for inducting them as new ministers; HK Patil (Gadag), Krishna Byre Gowda N (Byataranayapura), N Cheluvarayaswamy (Nagamangala), K. Venkatesh (Piriyapatna), Dr. HC Mahadevappa (T Narasipura), Eshwar Khandre (Bhalki), Kyathasandra N Rajanna (Madhugiri), Dinesh Gundu Rao (Gandhinagar), Sharanabasappa Darshanapur (Shahpur), Shivanand Patil (Basavana Bagewadi), Timmapur Ramappa Balappa (Mudhol), SS Mallikarjun (Davanagere North), Tangadagi Shivaraj Sangappa (Kanakagiri), Dr Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil (Sedam), Mankal Vaidya (Bhatkal), Laxmi R Hebbalkar (Belagavi rural), Rahim Khan (Bidar), D. Sudhakar (Hiriyur), Santhosh S Lad (Kalghatagi), NS Boseraju (ex MLC who will have to contest as a legislator in next six months), Byrati Suresha (Hebbal), Madhu Bangarappa (Soraba), Dr MC Sudhakar (Chintamani) and B Nagendra (Ballari rural)

For the last few days, there has been hectic lobbying from ministerial aspirants. Even Siddaramaiah and DKS have been camping in Delhi to finalise the names. Shivakumar also met party leader Rahul Gandhi and United Progressive Alliance (UPA) chairperson Sonia Gandhi at 10 Janpath.

A party source said Congress will have to bring balance in the cabinet allocation as it needs to consider different communities' demands.

File photo of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking in the house during the session of State Legislative Assembly

Hectic lobbying and discussions apart, a party source said that the Congress will have to bring balance in the cabinet allocation as it needs to take into account demands of all communities

B'luru — a plum post

Many ministers are eyeing the plum Bengaluru in charge portfolio. It is said that DKS is aiming for the same while Ramalinga Reddy who had earlier managed Bengaluru portfolio is also in the race. During the previous BJP government, Basavaraj Bommai had retained the Bengaluru portfolio as there was intense lobbying between the ministers. However, it was felt that a minister had to be given in charge of the city as the crumbling infrastructure and rain woes have often hit headlines and a dedicated minister is the need of the hour.

Why animal lovers feel unsafe

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Sections 341, 323, 354, 504, 506, and 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860, five persons threatened Yamuna NC, for feeding stray dogs. It is said that Yamuna had gone to Chandra Layout when her friend Aishwarya, who was ill, requested her to feed the strays. According to the complaint, Yamuna called the police (112) when Nandan and four others threatened her. It is said the accused had snatched her phone and the keys to her two-wheeler when she informed the police.

"They threatened me with dire consequences if I visited Chandra Layout again. Initially, the police did not take my complaint. Finally, the police registered a FIR only after I approached the Deputy Commissioner of Police. I am not happy with the progress of the investigation. Till date, the police has neither given me permission to feed the stray dogs on 2nd Main Road of Coconut Garden nor summoned the accused to the police station," said Yamuna.

Laws exist, but cases of aggression against feeders continue due to lack of awareness among the people

Demanding that police give protection to the animal activists who feed stray dogs, Praveena, explained how her neighbours are unhappy with her decision to feed strays. "They objected to me feeding stray dogs on the road. They want to have a poll on whether or not I must feed the dogs," said Praveena.

Sagaya, a resident of Hongasandra of MICO Layout, emphasised on the need to create awareness among the public. Sagaya, who works at a garments factory, reserves a few thousands of rupees to feed stray dogs around a public park at Hongasandra. But people who visit the park have been creating problems for her. "The people visiting the park for a walk in the morning and in the evening, chase the stray dogs away from the location. The authorities concerned must create awareness among the people on the importance of feeding stray dogs," said Sagaya Mary.

Meanwhile, Sahavarthin Animal Welfare Trust has launched a feeder mail campaign urging the BBMP officials, police, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Women's Commission, Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, and the State Chief Secretary to take measures for the safety of animal feeders, especially women.

"Even though the laws exist, people are mobbing feeders and relocating or killing dogs. Nobody is coming forward to help us. We are sick of requesting BBMP to conduct awareness sessions. All representations go into a black hole and activities never happen," said Sadhana.

Blame game over sewage at Cubbon Park

Regular walkers raise concern of park's upkeep with sewage inflow in drains; officials say rain to be blamed

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The Cubbon Park Walkers Association has alleged that despite Smart City renovations, Cubbon Park is receiving sewage in its drains. The Horticulture Department says rain is to be blamed and there is no sewage inflow.

Walkers in Cubbon Park noticed murky sewage entering Cubbon Park and accumulating near the lotus pond area. Walkers expressed concern over the poor upkeep of Cubbon Park thronged by citizens across the city.

President of Cubbon Park Walkers Association Umesh Kumar said, "Sewage is entering Cubbon Park from the cricket stadium side. Every year, the problem occurs and this year, we have a few canteens operating near the courtside as well.

"Even after Smart City work, sewage is entering Cubbon Park. The sewage is entering up to the lotus pond side of the park. Smart City work was focused on developing Bal Bhavan and no work was conducted inside the park premises. Inside the park, even the footpaths have disappeared."

> **"Smart City work was focused on developing Bal Bhavan and no work was done inside the park's premises**
>
> — Umesh Kumar, President of Cubbon Park Walkers Association

Recently, BenSCL had taken up renovation work inside Cubbon Park at a project cost of Rs 34 crore. Sprucing work was taken throughout the park for the canals, footpaths and

bridges including the lotus pond.

Expressing concern over the condition of the park, a walker, Sonika Gowda said, "Since drainage water has been entering Cubbon Park for some time now, they should have taken action. Anybody who comes to Bengaluru comes to Cubbon Park. Cubbon Park is part of the tourist areas like MG Road, and Kanteerava stadium. During weekends, families throng the park and the situation is going to affect them."

However, the Horticulture Department has refuted the claims of the walkers.

"Four months back, sewage entered Cubbon Park through the cricket stadium. We took action, warned the offenders and filed a police complaint, Currently, during the rainy season the water from Cubbon Road, Chinnaswamy Road enters our drains and goes to UB city and exits. It's normal rain water that is being dubbed as sewage," said a senior Horticulture Department official.

SAVING BIRDS

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The Tape Applied On The Glass Prevents
Birds From Flying Into Them
You Can Do The Same If Your Buildings Have Transparent
Glass And Save Birds From Getting Injured

With more people moving into urban areas, there has been an increase in the number of buildings and skyscrapers. While these buildings serve as a symbol of modernisation and progress, they also pose a significant threat to birds who often crash into the glass, suffering injuries and even dying in extreme cases.

To mitigate such issues, the People for Animal (PfA) wildlife rescue and rehabilitation team have forward to create awareness of helping birds avoid flying into windows by putting up tapes on the glass windows.

The large glass windows of the buildings reflect the sky and trees, confusing birds and causing them to fly directly into the windows. Additionally, the lights inside buildings attract birds, leading them to fly into the windows at high speeds. Many birds suffer from head trauma, internal injuries, and broken bones. Some are killed instantly, while others die slowly and painfully from their injuries. The mortality rate of these collisions is alarmingly high, with millions of birds dying each year.

Chief Veterinarian of PfA, Colonel Dr Nawaz Shariff said, "Over the course of one year, PfA received 55 cases of bird-window collision, with birds suffering from a range of head injuries, including concussions, brain hemorrhages, and other traumatic brain injuries. These injuries can have severe consequences for birds, impairing their vision, balance, and ability to fly or feed. Of the 55 birds treated, 43 were released back into a suitable habitat, where they could resume their normal activities and contribute to the ecosystem. The statistics from PfA highlight the seriousness of the issue and we have come out with simple and easy solution of putting tapes on windows which is simple yet effective way to reduce risk of bird window collision."

By adding an adhesive tape or any other coloured tape to the window glasses can create a visible barrier that the birds can see and avoid. At the PfA, tapes are put across glass windows and while visitors come to visit the centre, they are educated about it and are asked to do it at their houses as well.

Some rare bird species that were treated by the PfA team that suffered head collisions include India pitta, red-whiskered bulbul, Indian golden oriole, blue-faced malkoha, black-headed ibis, scaly-breasted munia, orange-headed thrush, and rufous treepie. In addition to common bird species such as house crows, rose-ringed parakeets, barn owls, Asian koels, and many others also suffered injuries due to window collisions.

Other preventive measures

Use window decals: You can purchase decals that have designs that are visible to birds but will not obstruct your view.

Install screens: Screens on the outside of the windows can help prevent birds from flying into them.

Hang strings or strips: Hanging strings or strips of material in front of windows can help deter birds from flying into them.

Realty boost around Railway Gollahalli

There is good news for those eyeing properties in north Bengaluru, especially near Railway Gollahalli, Nelamangala, Devanahalli, and Doddaballapur, as the Satellite Ring Road project is seeing faster completion. On this stretch, National Highway 648 that connects Devanahalli to Hoskote is almost complete. The six-laning of the 37.6 km-long-road is gearing up for inauguration. This road will be helpful in reducing traffic congestion in Bengaluru, as vehicles can now take the bypass from Devanahalli to Hoskote.

This road is being developed as part of the Bharatmala project that connects to Tumakuru Road from Dabaspet, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, and Hoskote. Though this tolled road does not have continuous service roads, service roads have been constructed at towns and villages so that local traffic can move.

An official said that streetlights have been installed at vantage points, and these streetlights will use solar power.

There was a two-lane road earlier connecting Devanahalli to Hoskote, and it would take more than an hour to travel that distance. However, the new road will reduce the travel time to just 20 minutes. The road is being constructed at a cost of Rs 1,270 crore. To ensure safety, CCTVs have been installed across the highway. This highway is also propelling the property boom in areas like Nelamangala, Railway Gollahalli, Madhure, and Rajanakunte.

"The Namma Metro purple line extension expected to be completed by 2023 will further the prospects of the commercial real estate sector in the region

City accounts for 16% equity investments

Developers say that investing in property is the best bet for those eyeing future gains. Citing the latest CBRE report, 'Indian Real Estate: Betting on Capital's Future', realtors say that Bengaluru accounted for 16 per cent of the equity investments in the Indian real estate sector from 2018-2022, attracting approximately USD 5.2 billion.

"Overall, the sector received USD 43.3 billion in investments during the same period, with USD 31.8 billion in equity investments and USD 11.5 billion in debt investments. Bengaluru also emerged as the leading city in debt-raising activity by real estate companies, accounting for 31 per cent (USD 3.6 billion) from 2018-2022. During the same period, Bengaluru city recorded 44 land deals and acquired approximately 700 acres of land, resulting in an investment inflow of USD 1.1 billion for land/site acquisition.

In terms of capital deployed for land acquisition in top metro cities, Bengaluru accounted for 10 per cent in 2018-22. Additionally, Bengaluru, along with Mumbai and Delhi-NCR, was one of the three key investment gateway cities, with a combined share of 63 per cent. Hence, one should really bet on investing in property," said a realtor.

According to Q1 2023 data, development sites/land acquisitions dominated investment flows, accounting for approximately 49 per cent of the share, followed by the office sector with 26 per cent. Domestic investors led the inflows with almost 73 per cent of the share, while institutional investors garnered the remaining share.

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The Indian residential market is expected to sustain its growth momentum in the next few quarters while dealing with global headwinds and high-interest rates, believe experts. "The Indian economy has continued to show strong resilience to external shocks and has performed reasonably well. Moreover, the housing sector seems to be an attractive investment option for both, end-users and investors and thus, the real estate sector is expected to put up a strong show," says Pritam Chivukula, vice president, CREDAI-MCHI.

A positive homebuying sentiment: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently hit a pause on the interest rate hikes and kept the repo rate steady, maintaining the key benchmark interest rate at 6.5 per cent, which brought much-needed cheer to everyone.

"This move has allowed citizens to revisit their homebuying plans. This year is thus expected to be driven by end-user demand, and serious long-term investors will find the market dynamics more than favourable.

Property prices are likely to rise by another five-eight per cent in the larger cities; this bodes well for investors focused on capital appreciation, and also means that rental demand will increase," informs Prashant Thakur, senior director and head of research, Anarock Group.

However, to ensure that your investment garners good returns, buy a home in a project that's at a good location. If the surrounding areas are growing, the spillover effect helps boost the prices of your project.

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Garbage trucks, raising a stink at all roads they go

Hydraulic trucks not effective in stopping the stench; citizens have some suggestions to curb the menace

These days the garbage is transported in hydraulic trucks so it is not visible to all, but wherever it passes by, it leaves behind a distinct trail

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The stench from a garbage truck has become quite common at some localities in the city. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike had made it mandatory for these garbage trucks to be parked away after offloading the trash at dump yards. But that doesn't happen and the trucks are ubiquitous in their presence.

The city generates around 5,000 tons of garbage a day, which is transported to the landfills. The BBMP had identified two other landfills sites in 2021 apart from Mittaganahalli, which is nearly full. Dhwani, an architect, said, "A lot of people don't segregate waste while disposing of it. It is imperative to think about the process that takes place after we dispose of the waste - how it gets degraded and how it harms the environment if it's left unchecked. We can all chip in to save the environment if we make conscious efforts."

She added that a centralised system with different collection centres could help. "Waste collection should be viewed differently in terms of collection and disposal. Earlier we could see the garbage in the trucks and also smell it, now it is changed to hydraulic trucks. Though we can't see the garbage in hydraulic trucks, the smell is still a very big problem. A filter can be added in the truck to address this issue," she said.

Sirisha, an assistant child psychologist, has another suggestion. "The waste can be disposed of during odd hours when traffic is not at its peak. The smell makes it very inconvenient especially for 2-wheeler riders. The trucks have to be cleaned constantly which will help people who collect the garbage also. It would be more hygienic for the people who are collecting as they have to spend hours near the trucks with the garbage," she said.

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The first auto rickshaw to serve Bangalore began operations in December 1950. Despite opposition from the horse-drawn cart lobby, N Keshava Iyengar, the Mayor of Bangalore (which for the first time included both civil and cantonment areas) approved licenses for a total of 10 auto rickshaws. Designed in Poona, the auto rickshaws were painted green and yellow and resembled a scooter pulling a passenger cabin attached to its rear. Iyengar inaugurated the first auto at the corporation building and he also volunteered to drive the vehicle on its maiden journey with the owners, a Bangalore man and his Italian wife. Iyengar's autobiography records him driving them to his house in Balepet and treating them to refreshments. Within a few years, there were nearly 40 autos plying the city's streets. (Source: Times News Network)

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Carpooling alone cannot save the environment and reduce traffic, other methods must be used, like, using public transportation, and electric vehicles.

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Carpooling is one of the methods to reduce traffic, but not suitable for everyone. People travel to different places for work, so by carpooling, a person driving cannot drop everyone near their destination and then head for their work.

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Up, down, nearly gone

Covid cases in Bengaluru are in the double digits now and hospitalisations are even less in number; there is nothing to fear, say doctors

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Even though China is on the verge of another Covid wave that could see 65 million infections, the Covid curve in Bengaluru is on the wane.

Currently, the Covid infections in the city are in double digits (down from 100+ cases recently). What is a big sigh of relief for citizens, the hospitalisation has also decreased drastically.

As of now, only six patients are being treated for Covid in the city and are admitted in general wards. This points to the fact that the cases are quite mild. A few weeks ago, the Covid hospitalisation was 50+ with half of them being treated in ventilators or ICUs. However, since then, the hospitalisation has fallen to a great extent. On the other hand, the test positivity rate (TPR) which was around 18 per cent has now fallen to 0.7 per cent. All the factors are indicators that the Covid wave which was witnessed for the last couple of months has flattened, said an official.

Krishnamurthy, a general physician, said, "We need not fear about the fresh surge in China. During New Year's Eve, China had seen a massive rise in Covid cases and it was thought that the infections could surge in India as well. However, nothing was seen for the first few months. Similarly, China is now seeing a spurt in cases related to the XBB variant. If we look at the Covid trend in Karnataka, only 1.65 per cent of cases reported between January to December 2022 were from the XBB variant (the dominant wave then was BA2)."

According to him, between January to April 2023, the XBB infections were 96.45 per cent. This further rose to 98.58 per cent in May. As Indians have been exposed to the XBB variant, the current surge in China due to the same variant will have no further effect on Indians. Moreover, a majority of Indians have hybrid immunity which means most of them have been infected by Covid multiple times as well as have taken double or triple doses of Covid vaccines. Hence, there is nothing to fear as of now, he said.

"We are way ahead than others in terms of covid immunity and parents should also not fear sending their wards to school anymore

–Dr M Shashi Kumar, expert in community medicine

In the first 26 days of this month, Bengaluru has reported 1,068 Covid cases and three deaths as against 5,311 cases and 25 deaths in April, 2,122 cases and 13 deaths in March, 636 cases and three deaths in February and 694 cases and one Covid death in January this year.

Paediatricians are also of the opinion that as the schools are to restart, there should be no fear among the parents to send their wards to school due to an infection elsewhere.

"While India had seen three big waves and since then small waves, China which had seen the birth of Covid infections and since then was largely protected due to zero-Covid policy. However, since the restrictions were opened, Covid had seen a big wave in December and is now on the verge of another wave. We Indians are much ahead compared to Chinese peers in Covid immunity and parents should not fear sending wards to school," said Dr M Shashi Kumar, an expert in community medicine.

Another moniker for Bengaluru?

The IT capital of India may soon become the Printing and Packing Technology Capital as well. Karnataka Cabinet Minister Ramalinga Reddy recently made an announcement stating that the new government planned to transform Bengaluru into the country's leading hub for printing and packaging technology.

He made this statement during the inauguration of the Print and Pack Tech World Expo, held at the Palace Grounds in the city. The event was attended by CR Janardhana, President of the State Printers Association, Jacob Crasta, National Executive Member of FICCI and HVS Krishna, IMS Foundation. **–BMB**

New retail management programme

In a one-of-a-kind initiative aimed at innovation and skill development, Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous launched BBA Retail Management graduate programme in collaboration with Maruti Suzuki on May 25.

The BBA Retail Management programme is based on an apprenticeship model as suggested by the University Grants Commission and Karnataka State Higher Education Council.

At the gathering during the launch of BBA Retail Management at Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous, Ashwin D Gowda, IRS, Managing Director, Karnataka Skills Development Corporation emphasised on the potential of retail sector and consumer data analytics. **–BMB**

IISc researchers take closer look at Salmonella

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To help counter Salmonella infection caused by contaminated water or food, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have looked at various tactics that the bacteria use to escape the human body's defence mechanisms.

In a new study, researchers from the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB), IISc, have highlighted two such strategies that the bacterium uses to protect itself, both driven by the same protein.

When Salmonella enters the human body, each bacterial cell resides within a bubble-like structure known as Salmonella-containing vacuole (SCV).

"In response to the bacterial infection, the immune cells in our body produce pathways triggered to break down these SCVs and fuse them with cellular bodies called lysosomes, which destroy the bacteria. However, these bacteria have developed robust mechanisms to maintain SCV integrity, which is crucial for their survival. This gives the upper hand to bacteria to survive inside macrophages or other host cells," explains Ritika Chatterjee, former PhD student in MCB and first author of the study.

The IISc team has deduced that a critical protein produced by the bacteria, known as SopB, prevents both the fusion of SCV with lysosomes as well as the production of lysosomes,

When Salmonella enters the human body, each bacterial cell resides within a bubble-like structure known as Salmonella-containing vacuole

in a two-pronged approach to protect the bacterium.

A previous study from the same team had reported that the number of lysosomes produced by the host cells decreases upon infection with Salmonella. The researchers had also found that mutant bacteria that were unable to produce the special protein (SopB) were also unable to reduce host lysosome numbers. Therefore, they decided to look more closely at the role that SopB was playing in the production of lysosomes.

"This is the first time we deciphered that the critical protein produced by the bacteria can work in a dual manner. The novelty of our study lies in the identification of the function of SopB in inhibiting the vacuolar fusion with existing lysosomes, and the second mechanism, which provides Salmonella with a survival advantage by increasing the ratio of SCV to lysosomes," says Dipshikha Chakravortty, Professor at MCB and corresponding author of the study.

In subsequent studies, the team plans to explore the role of another host protein called Syntaxin-17 whose levels also reduce during Salmonella infection.

First, do no harm

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There was no detailed project report (DPR) of the process for us to look at and understand what went wrong," said a resident of the area.

According to a lake activist, nearly 18 water bodies have been revived under CSR funds by several corporates and NGOs in the Anekal area over the past few years. However, the majority of these activities were carried out without due diligence.

Experts are also raising alarm over many city lakes being rejuvenated under the CSR initiative. They say the majority of them are being revived without any survey, boundary fixation, technical study, encroachment evictions, detailed project reports, and requisite guidelines laid down by the Karnataka Tank Conservation & Development Authority (KTCDA).

"Many of the lakes being rejuvenated under CSR funds are not considering important rules such as the 30-metre buffer zone rule.

The lakes are not being measured to take into account any encroachments and thus while they are being revived, there is no accountability regarding encroached areas.

The KTCDA Act of 2014 mandates having an approved DPR from a competent authority before taking up any development activity. These rules are being flouted openly," said a lake activist on the condition of anonymity.

Experts say, the local panchayats, the custodians of lakes outside the BBMP limits, should be held responsible for giving a go-ahead to NGOs, companies, and individuals without mandating technical reports and DPR of the proposed projects. No engineering or environmental standards are followed too.

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"Many times, basic structures of water bodies have also been modified to suit their convenience. Panchayats do not mandate any prerequisite conditions for lake development leading to grave lapses," said the activist.

According to V Ramprasad, founder of Friends of Lakes, engineering and environmental standards must strictly be followed in the lake rejuvenation process to avoid untoward incidents leading to loss of property or life.

"None of the CSR-led rejuvenation projects are conducting bund strength testing. Even silt and sludge tests are not being done to understand if they can be used for creating islands in the lake area or the bund.

An approved DPR takes care of such requirements. Panchayats should be directed to ensure that the rules are being followed even in case of CSR-led lake revival processes," said Ramprasad.

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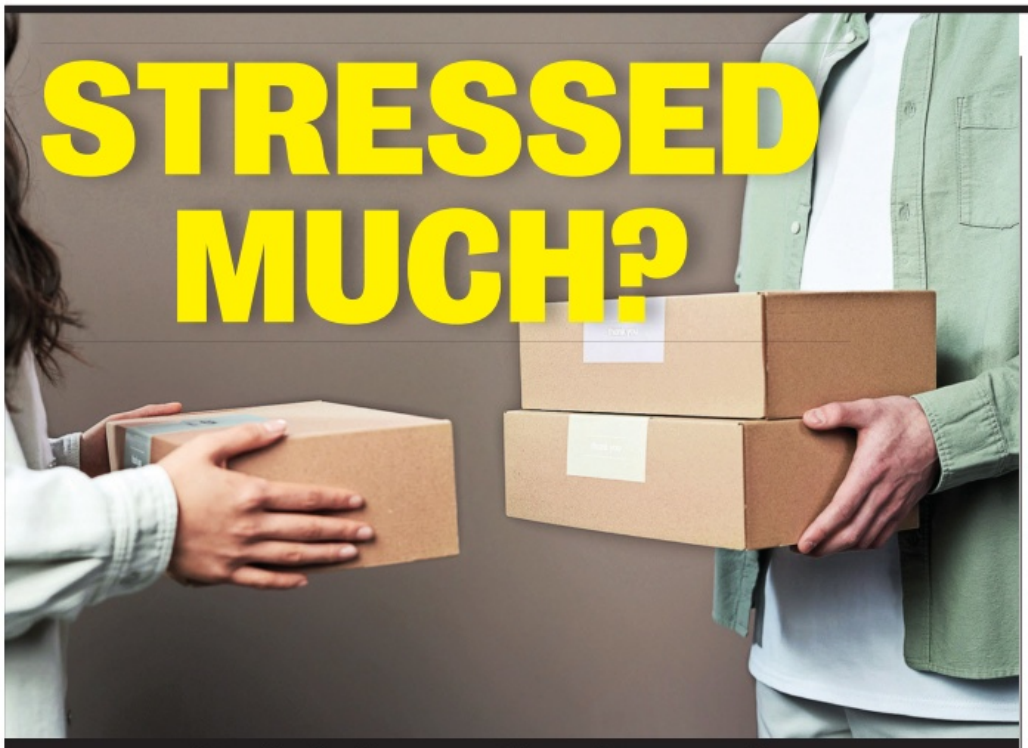

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Study finds your thoughts may harm your neck, back while lifting

According to a new study, the emotional distress of mental dissonance - receiving knowledge that contradicts how we act or what we think - might contribute to increased strain on the neck and low back during lifting and lowering tasks.

When study participants were told they were performing poorly in a precision lowering experiment in the lab, after initially being told they were doing well, their movements were linked to increased loads on vertebrae in their neck and low back.

Results showed that the higher the cognitive dissonance score, the greater the extent of loading on the upper and lower parts of the spine.

The finding suggests cognitive dissonance may be a previously unidentified risk factor for neck and low back pain, which could have implications for risk prevention in the workplace, according to researchers.

"This increased spine loading occurred under just one condition with a fairly light load - you can imagine what this would be like with more complex tasks or higher loads," said senior author William Marras, executive director of the Spine Research Institute at The Ohio State University. "Basically, the study scratched the surface of showing there's something to this."

The research was published recently in the journal Ergonomics.

Marras' lab has been studying daily living and occupational forces on the spine for decades. About 20 years ago, he found that psychological stress could influence spine biomechanics, using a study design that involved having a fake argument with a graduate student in front of research participants.

"We found that in certain personality types, the loads in the spine increased by up to 35 per cent," Marras said. "We ended up finding that when you're under that kind of psychosocial stress, what you tend to do is what we call co-activate muscles in your torso. It creates this tug of war in the muscles because you're always tense.

"In this study, to get at that mind-body connection, we decided to look at the way people think and, with cognitive dissonance, when people are disturbed by their thoughts."

Seventeen research participants - nine men and eight women aged 19-44 - completed three phases of an experiment in which they placed a light-weight box within a square on a surface that was moved left and right, up and down. After a short practice run, researchers gave almost exclusively positive feedback during the first of two 45-minute trial blocks. During the second, the feedback increasingly suggested participants were performing in an unsatisfactory way.

To arrive at a cognitive dissonance score for each participant, changes during the experiment to blood pressure and heart rate variability were combined with responses to two questionnaires assessing discomfort levels as well as positive and negative affect - feeling strong and inspired versus distressed and ashamed.

Wearable sensors and motion-capture technology were used to detect peak spinal loads in the neck and low back: both compression of vertebrae and vertebral movement, or shear, from side to side (lateral) and forward and back (A/P).

Statistical modeling showed that, on average, peak spinal loads on cervical vertebrae in the neck were 11.1 per cent higher in compression, 9.4 per cent higher in A/P shear, and 19.3 per cent higher in lateral shear during the negative-feedback trial block compared to the baseline measures from the practice run. Peak loading in the lumbar region of the low back - an area that bears the brunt of any spinal loading - increased by 1.7 per cent in compression and 2.2 per cent in shear during the final trial block.

"Part of the motivation here was to see whether cognitive dissonance can manifest itself not only in the low back - we thought we'd find it there, but we didn't know what we'd find in the neck. We did find a pretty strong response in the neck," said Marras, a professor of integrated systems engineering with College of Medicine academic appointments in neurosurgery, orthopaedics and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

"Our tolerance to shear is much, much lower than it is to compression, so that's why that's important," he said. "A small percentage of load is no big deal for one time. But think about when you're working day in and day out, and you're in a job where you're doing this 40 hours a week - that could be significant, and be the difference between a disorder and not having a disorder."

Marras is also principal investigator on a federally funded multi-institution clinical trial assessing different treatments for low back pain that range from medication to exercise to cognitive behavioural therapy.

"We're trying to unravel this onion and understand all the different things that affect spine disorders because it's really, really complex," he said. "Just like the whole system has got to be right for a car to run correctly, we're learning that that's the way it is with the spine. You could be in physically great shape, but if you're not thinking correctly or appropriately, or you have all these mental irregularities, like cognitive dissonance, that will affect the system. And until you get that right, you're not going to be right.

"We're looking for causal pathways. And now we can say cognitive dissonance plays a role and here's how it works."

This research was supported by internal Spine Research Institute funds. Co-authors included first author Eric Weston, a former integrated systems engineering graduate student at Ohio State; Afton Hassett of the University of Michigan; and Safdar Khan and Tristan Weaver of Ohio State.

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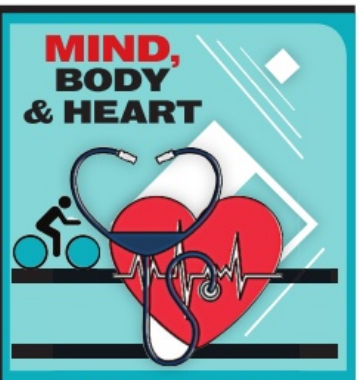


All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my late 30s and was having an affair for over a year, then my wife found out and it's been hell ever since. Initially, I left my wife, but she talked me into going back for our two young children. However, I'm not in love with her any more and no amount of talking or therapy is going to change that.
Since moving back home, I've left several times to be with the other woman; she's the one I love.
But I'm really struggling with guilt over my kids. Whenever I try to have a sensible conversation with my wife, she just shuts me down or gets furious.
She uses emotional blackmail to get me to stay by saying the kids will forget me. I'm not proud of having an affair and I know how much I've hurt my wife, but our marriage had been struggling for years; she just refused to acknowledge it. She's in denial. Please help.

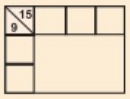
COLEEN SAYS

She's hurt and desperate and is chucking everything at you, even using the kids as a bargaining tool.
However, whatever she threatens you with isn't going to change the situation or how you feel, and you have to get that across to her in a kind way.
Relationship counselling or mediation might provide a way forward. But, naturally, she's angry and heartbroken because you betrayed her and she feels her whole life is crumbling around her.
She can't see any light at the end of the tunnel, but I hope she'll realise in time that she deserves the opportunity to meet someone who loves her back.
Clinging on to someone who doesn't want to be with you is a horrible, lonely experience that breeds insecurity, and crushes self-esteem. Try to agree to put the kids first. What's not fair is raising them in a toxic atmosphere with a sad mum and a father.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

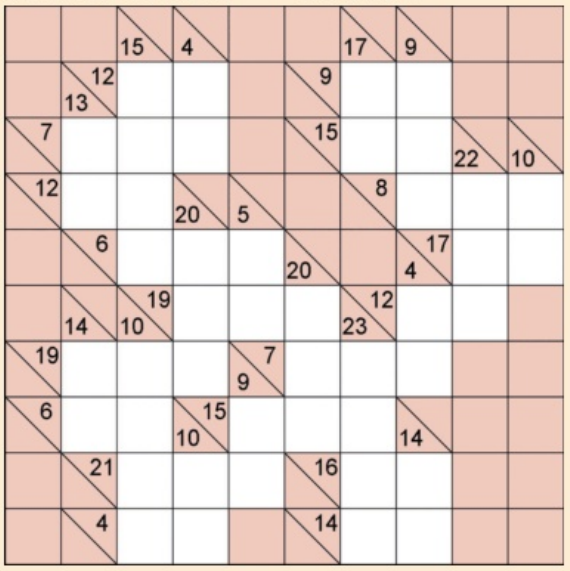
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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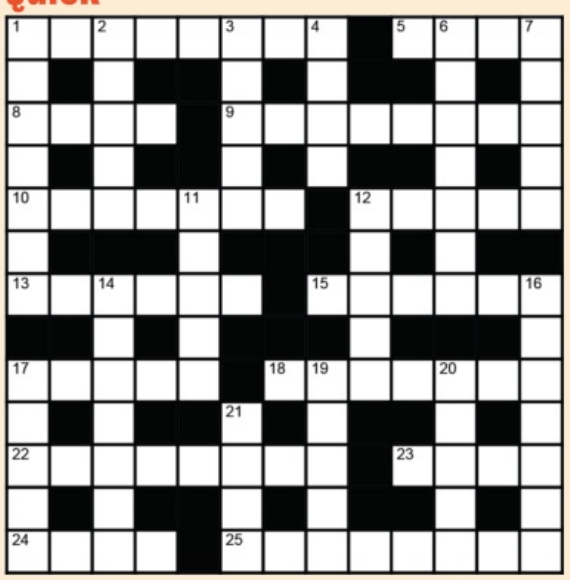


ACROSS

1 Relied, had trust in (8)
5 Tell a yarn (4)
8 Transmit (4)
9 With no shoes or socks on (8)
10 Ill-mannered or rude (7)
12 Rose (5)
13 Vidhyarthi ____ : Dosa place in Gandhi Bazaar (6)
15 Naps or reposes (6)
17 Feudal lord (5)
18 Retaliate against or punish? (3,4)
22 2014 World T20 Champions (3,5)
23 Shakespearean king (4)
24 Certain (4)
25 Saw or observed (6,2)

DOWN

1 Unsettle (7)
2 Overwhelming fear (5)
3 First appearance (5)
4 Dreadful, terrible (4)
6 Raise in rank (7)
7 Famous (5)
11 Czarist decree (5)
12 Taint (5)
14 Artist's quarters (7)
16 A baby falcon – "reek sat" anagram? (7)
17 Endures (5)
19 Texas shrine (5)
20 In front (5)
21 Organic compound (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS P

AVUZ FZVFRZ EXZPJ FXVUBAZA CVX MIZ FRZPAQXZ VC EXZPJBSL MIZU.

Linemaro

There isn't any word in the dictionary for how yummy you look

Mindchow

We do not need magic to transform our world. We carry all of the power we need inside ourselves already

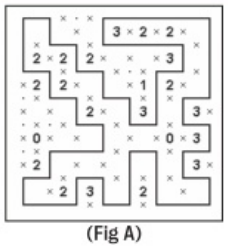
Joke of the day

Why did the chicken cross the road? Because there was a hot chick on the other side

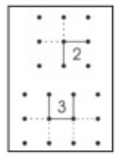
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



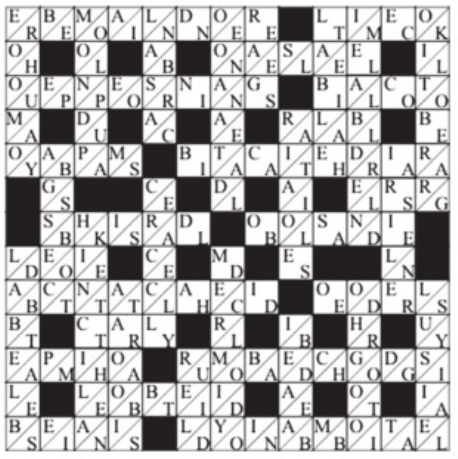
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

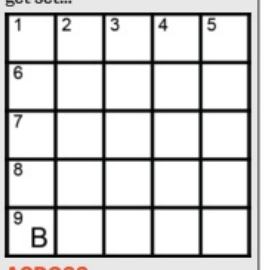
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

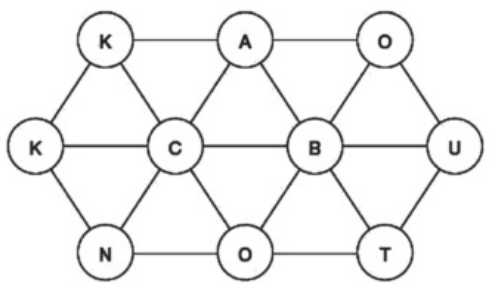
1 Crops; 6 Value;
7 Boner; 8 It lee;
9 To Big

DOWN

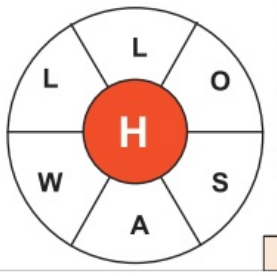
1 Be cub; 2 Olio V;
3 GI err; 4 An opt;
5 Steel

Mensapuzzle

Find a 10-letter word moving from circle to circle. Each circle must only be used once.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; **10** Good; **12** Outstanding

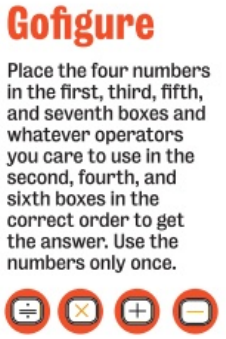
SudokuChallenge

2	7		6		4		5	9
		3		1		6		
1		6				7		3
9								4
			2		9			
3								6
7		9				4		8
		1		9		2		
8	2		1		7		3	5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bat is moved. 2. Sleeve is different. 3. Boy is taller. 4. Bush is moved. 5. Arm is lower. 6. Cap is larger.

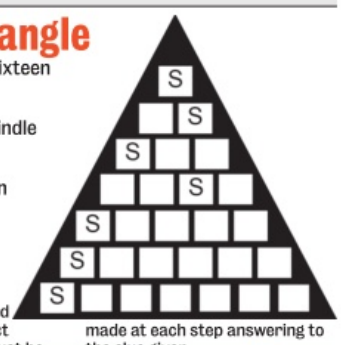
Riddler

In this teaser, you have been given a 9-letter word. Your job is to break up this word into 9 separate letters and place them on the dashes to spell a 7-letter word, a 5-letter word, and a 3-letter word. You can use each letter only once. IMPASSIVE

_E_T_G__R_S__P_

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 ___ and them
3 Litigate
4 Deception, or swindle
5 Less doubtful
6 English county
7 Medical operation



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

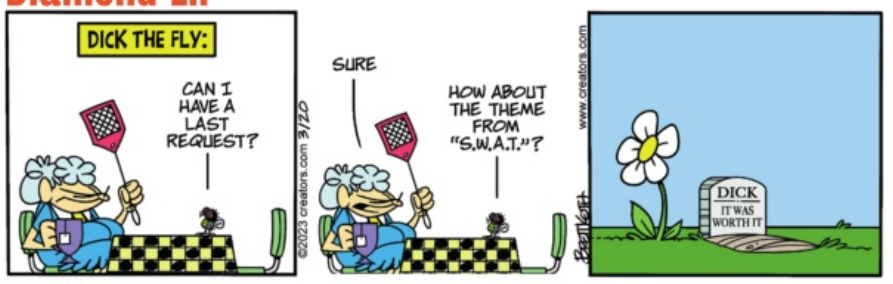
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

TANGLEFOOT, WHY ARE YOU WATCHING THE SUNSET STANDING ON YOUR HEAD?
I MISSED THE SUNRISE THIS MORNING
3-9
Yates/Casson
I'M KINDA WORRIED...
THAT ALMOST MAKES SENSE

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHARLOTTE? DO YOU THINK PARENTHOOD IS SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE?
WELL, YOU TWO SEEM TO LIKE IT.
IT'S TRUE.
I LOVE IT!
BUT LOOKING AT YOUR SLEEP SCHEDULE, I CAN'T SAY IT'D BE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME.
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Crankshaft

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I HAVEN'T TAKEN MY PILLS FOR THREE DAYS!!
OH... HANG ON...
I HAD MY PILL-TAINER TURNED AROUND.
BATIUK & DAVIS
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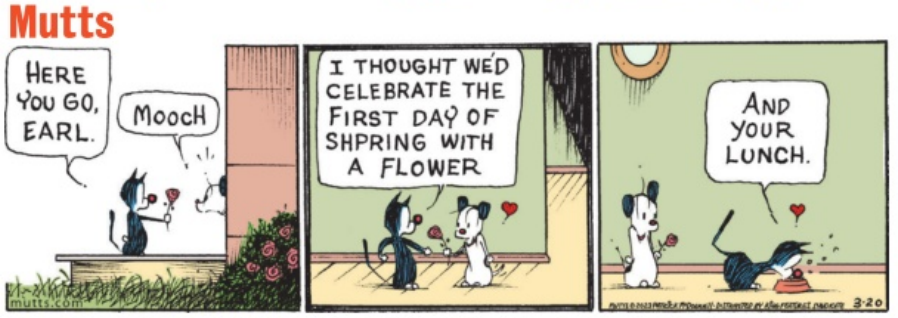
3-16

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel enthusiastic, which can speed up your project and lead to quick decision-making that benefits your business. However, it is not advised to make investments in fixed assets with a business partner.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon, making you feel healthy and helping to resolve old health issues. Any previously stuck funds may also be recovered now. You may consider applying for a loan to purchase luxury items.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, giving you confidence and the ability to make important decisions. You are decisive and may seize opportunities without hesitation. It's a good time to plan for higher studies and engage with intellectual individuals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may effortlessly complete difficult tasks, boosting your confidence. Your past investments may yield good returns. Avoid engaging in arguments on trivial matters, as they can waste your valuable time. Additionally, control unnecessary expenses.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel energetic and perform efficiently at work, which will boost your confidence. Property disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved, and you may have influential encounters that expand your network. Short trips are also on the horizon.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, bringing happiness. Your communication skills may help you secure a significant order. Being polite and respectful will enhance your reputation. In business, you may make challenging decisions with the assistance of your colleagues.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, making it a good day for you. Your vitality is high, and you may enjoy both work and romantic moments with your spouse, improving domestic harmony. Starting new projects and designing flow charts are favored. Job seekers may find suitable positions, while lovebirds should avoid discussing trivial matters.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may not feel your best, as old health issues resurface and cause distress. Impatience and haste may lead to poor decision-making. It is advised to think twice before making any choices and avoid keeping loose money to prevent impulsive spending.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, bringing happiness. Past investments are likely to yield good returns. Quick decision-making in your work will lead to future gains.

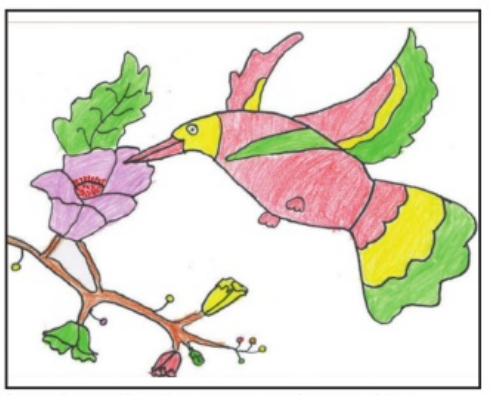
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy at work, successfully implementing your plans with the help of your strong network.
Your wisdom will lead to profitable outcomes from past investments. Enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, fostering harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds will also experience joyful moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, bringing happiness. The challenges of the previous week are now over, and your hard work will be reciprocated. Collaborating with subordinates will help you initiate postponed tasks, and there may be financial gains in your business.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull and experience health issues.
It is advised to postpone business investments and avoid starting new ventures, as losses are likely. Your gains may turn into losses, so caution is advised.

KIDZONE

Dhanush K, 12 Years, Indiranagar Cambridge School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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5/10/½
= 5^2/10^1
= 10/10=1

BULL'S EYE
hall, hallow, halo, howl, lash, shall, SHALLOW, shawl, shoal, show, wash, whoa

FAST FIVE

C	O	R	P	S
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E	L	I	T	E
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
knockabout

RIDDLER
1. Vestige,
2. Prism,
3. Spa

QUOTE UNCODE
Some people break promises for the pleasure of breaking them.

SUDOKU

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5	3	1	4	9	8	2	6	7
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, Us, Sue,
Ruse, Surer,
Surrey, Surgery.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 9 + 6 + 1 = 1
Medium
2 + 4 + 6 x 3 = 36
Hard
5 x 3 – 9 – 3 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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Never in a rut

Bhumi's secret to taking the road less travelled

From debuting as an overweight girl to playing a lesbian girl on screen, actor Bhumi Pednekar relentlessly proved her potential as an unconventional and versatile actor. Recently, the 'Govinda Naam Mera' actor opened up about choosing scripts and roles.

She doesn't conform to how actresses have looked on screen, nor does she conform to the film choices that leading ladies have made. All her film choices are different and extremely diverse and that's what makes her a special talent. About this, Bhumi said, "I will never fall into the rut of following the norm to be a leading lady in this industry. I'm aware that I'm a deviation from the rule as to how leading ladies have been on screen and I love that. People will only remember me for the work that I do on screen. So, it is very important for me to pick the films that I feel in my gut is trying to say something new or aiming to do something extremely disruptive."

She said for her, the script is the only thing that matters when it comes to choosing a film. "It is the age of content and artists can only shine their best when backed by the best scripts. I have never compromised on the quality of the script and the role that I'm playing."

Bhumi mentions that she never says okay to a project by seeing who is cast in it. She added, "If you look at my filmography since my debut, you will see me choosing scripts and roles that stand out before anything else." **-ETimes**

Too many loopholes in this thriller

SIREN (KANNADA)

3.0 RATING | ★★★★★

- **DIRECTOR** Raja Venkaiya
- **ACTORS** Praveer Shetty, Lasya Ponnu Ash, Achyuth Kumar, Sparsha Rekha, Pavithra Lokesh, Sharath Lohitashwa, and Avinash.
- **Duration** 129.55 minutes

Siren is inspired by a real incident that took place in Andhra Pradesh.

The movie begins with the camera focusing on an undisciplined police officer busy with a call girl inside the police station. A mother (Pavithra Lokesh), along with her younger daughter, comes to the police station seeking help to find her elder daughter Swetha, a bank employee, who has not returned home. A police constable asks them to wait till the police inspector comes out of his chamber. They wait for some time but in vain. Finally, the police inspector asks the mother and her daughter to give a written complaint and go home. Meanwhile, a mentally-ill girl takes police officer Chandra Bose (Sharath Lohitashwa) to the spot where a girl was burnt alive. The police identify the deceased as Swetha. Chandra Bose takes up investigation of the case but gets killed in a road accident.

Meanwhile, Police Commissioner Ashok Kumar (Avinash) convenes a meeting with police inspectors and tells them to suggest an efficient police inspector to investigate the mysterious death of Swetha. The police inspectors suggest Samarth (Praveer Shetty), a young police inspector who joined duty a few days ago. The Police Commissioner asks Samarth to investigate the case. What happens to Samarth and who is behind Swetha's murder is what the movie is all about.

Director Raja Venkaiya has tried to make the film interesting, but it falls flat. In his maiden film, it seems the director has not done homework properly. Some scenes such as a police inspector meeting the police commissioner with his shirt partially unbuttoned, and police finding a piece of paper where the victim was burnt alive, and a police officer finding a piece of a gunny bag, and three police officers chasing four people for a few minutes without using service revolvers, are far from convincing. If the director had kept the film crisper, Siren could have been an apt platform to launch Praveer Shetty, the son of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike president Praveen Shetty, as a hero.

Praveer Shetty is good in action scenes. His dialogue delivery is okay but has to hone his acting skills to establish himself as an actor in Sandalwood. Lasya Ponnu Ash has nothing to do in this movie except running along with other police officers. Pavithra Lokesh plays a sober character. Achyuth Kumar and Sharath Lohitashwa provide good support. Sparsha Rekha, known for playing moderate roles, had done a different role in this movie.

The other drawbacks of the movie are lack of songs and comedy to break the monotonous narration.

Siren is worth watching if you want to see how Praveer does in his first film.

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